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Three Local Agencies Awarded Drug Control Grants

Funds used for combating drug abuse and violence

(LANSING)- Three local agencies are recipients of the Office of Drug Control Policy Byrne/Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) Grant Awards for 2004, Sen. Jud Gilbert, R-Algonac, announced today.

The federal grants will be used for projects combating drug abuse and violence in the communities. More than \$23 million was requested by agencies throughout Michigan, with 137 agencies receiving slightly less than \$17 million.

"Illegal drugs are a threat to our society as a whole, but most of all our children. I'm proud of the work our communities are doing in the war against drugs. These grants will help provide necessary resources for them to continue the fight," said Gilbert.

The local grants were awarded as follows:

- Lapeer County Family Court was awarded \$108,009 for its School Resource Strategies program that works to reduce and prevent school truancy through the use of two truancy/delinquency coordinators.
- 40th Circuit Court received \$76,000 for its Juvenile Drug Court mission to reduce adolescent substance abuse through intensive strength-based, solution-focused treatment and services for both offenders and their families.
- The County of Lapeer was awarded \$115,833 for its Thumb Narcotics Unit (serving Huron, Tuscola, Sanilac and Lapeer counties) which identifies low to mid-level drug traffickers in an effort to identify upper-level dealers.